

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Maurina T. Rachuba

Art Unit: 3723

In re:

Applicant: Doris REICH

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***SUPPLEMENTAL
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION***

December 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of July 5, 2006 and the Advisory Action of September 22, 2006.

In the Advisory Action the Examiner indicated that the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed of 05 October, 2006 was insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-10 based on Reich, et al, 6,514,131 because it referred to another application, see for example, page 5, 2.4.1 "per application 98/0208 with cover "Filter Carrier", on the top of "the housing". The Examiner indicated that it was not clear if this was a patent application, or an in-house application, and if this was applicant's own work.

The Examiner further indicated that without further evidence as to what this application was, and if it was applicant's own work, the Declaration was not persuasive. With the present communication, applicants again submitted the Declaration with the original and the translation of the in-house report no. 98/0208.

It is believed that the submission clearly answers the questions raised by the Examiner, and the rejection over the patent to Reich should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,
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